

**Appropriation** A City Council authorization to permit the City to incur obligations to make expenditures for specific purposes.

**Assessed Valuation** A value that is established by the County of Riverside for real and personal property for use as a basis for levying property taxes.

**Bond** A long-term "IOU" or promise to pay a sum of money on a specific date, at a specific interest rate. The most common types of bonds are: general obligation, revenue, and special improvement district bonds.

**Bond Refinancing** The payoff and re-issuance of bonds to obtain lower interest rates and/or bond conditions.

**Capital Improvements** Construction or major repair of municipal buildings and facilities, such as City Hall, libraries, parks, recreational facilities, museum, storm drains, airport, streets, sewage system, electric and water utilities, among others.

**Capital Improvement Program (CIP)** A multi-year financial plan in which needed improvements to the City's facilities and infrastructure are identified, priced and prioritized.

**Capital Project** Major construction, acquisition, or renovation activities that add value to a government's physical assets or significantly increase asset functionality.

**Debt Service** The cost of paying principal and interest on borrowed money according to a predetermined schedule.

**Department** An organizational unit comprised of programs or divisions, such as Human Resources, Police, or Public Works.

**Expenditure** The cost for personnel, materials, equipment, and contractual obligations required for a department to operate or for a capital program to be completed.

**Fee** A general term used for any charge levied by City for providing a service or permitting an activity.

**Fiscal Year** A 12-month period of time designated for accounting and budgeting purposes. The City of Riverside's fiscal year is July 1 through June 30.

**Fixed Assets** Resources owned by the City which are intended for long-term use, such as land, buildings, and machinery.

**Fund** An accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts recording financial resources and transactions for specific activities.

**General Fund** Used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

**General Obligation Bond** A bond backed by the full faith, credit, and taxing power of the government.

**Infrastructure** The physical assets of a government (e.g., streets, water, sewer, public buildings, and parks).

**Operating Budget** That portion of the budget that deals with recurring expenditures, such as salaries, utilities, postage, printing, and fuels.

**Revenue Bonds** Usually sold for constructing a project that will produce revenue for the government.

**Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC)** RCTC is the regional planning organization responsible for the distribution of Federal, State, and Local transportation funds.

**Unfunded Capital Projects** Projects for which funding is currently unavailable.